

Minutes for Town of Pawlet Selectboard
Pawlet Town Hall
January 17, 2017

Members in Attendance:

Mike Beecher
Chuck Weeden
Bob Jones
Ed Cleveland
Sarah Ludlam

Others in Attendance:

Timothy Hughes-Muse
Charles Mason
Elaine Decker
Karen Folger
Nancy Morlino
Elizabeth Gibson
Keith Mason

Item 1: Meeting Called to order at 7:05pm by Mr. Beecher.

Item 2: Introduction of those present.

Item 3: Review minutes of the January 3, 2016 meeting of the Selectboard. Ms. Ludlam made motion to accept the minutes with edits, seconded by Mr. Cleveland, motion carried, voted and approved.

Item 4: Due to inclement weather, the Power Guru presentation will be rescheduled.

Item 5: Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors – no visitors

Item 6: Announcements- The next regular meeting will be a joint meeting of the Pawlet Planning Commission and Pawlet Selectboard to discuss regional development.

Item 7: Pawlet Town Listers

The Selectboard and Listers discussed the possibility and options regarding hiring an assessor. Concerns that were raised included cost comparison, timeframe, and regulations pertaining to assessors. Some members of the board stated that more time and information is required in make a decision and therefore this should not be put on the ballot this year. The listers recommend that the board allocate funds to hire a part-time assessor to do sales analysis and work with the listers to establish the grand list. To do this, the FY18 budget would need to be amended in order to accommodate the hiring. It is unknown how much either option would cost the taxpayers and the board will research the issue further before making a decision.

Item 8: Reports

1. Energy Group Report- nothing to report
2. Town Hall Auditorium- Ms. Gibson is finding out more information regarding the application for grant monies to restore the ceiling. Pawlet, led by Ms. Gibson, applied for a grant, and was selected as an alternate.
3. Road Foreman's Report
 - a. Mr. K. Mason relayed his ideal specifications of a new plow truck. Mr. Mason and other members of the town crew visited and worked with other town crews in order to come up with the list of specification. The board discussed cost, timing, and equipment type and size requirements. The board asked for Mr. Mason to request pricing bids for the specifications discussed, by January 31st, 2017. Mr. Weeden requested that it be posted in the paper of record that the Town of Pawlet is accepting bids for a tandem snow plow truck.
 - b. The board discussed road projects for this upcoming year. The road crew will replace the Ross and Weeden Culverts on Herrick Brook Rd. The board believed that Rupert Mountain Rd is an important project to work on in 2017. If time and schedules permit, the selectboard asked that problem areas on Kelley Hill Road be addressed. In order to complete these projects, it would be in the town's interest to crush slate, and instructed Mr. Mason to get quotes for rock crushing at the slag pile.
 - c. Highway Mowing Contract- Mr. Weeden has arranged for the mowing for 2017.
 - d. Town of Wells Sander- For \$1,500 the Town of Pawlet will rent the sander from the Town of Wells.
4. Zoning Administrator's Report.
5. Town Clerk's Memo
 - a. Reviewed the Town Clerk's' Memo
 - b. Ms. Ludlam recommended that the board write a letter in support of the clerk attending the IIMC meeting in Quebec, and it was by consensus of the board to compose a letter to that effect.
6. Town Treasurer's Memo
 - a. Reviewed the Town Treasurer's Memo.
 - b. Ms. Ludlam made the motion to approve the warrants, seconded by Mr. Cleveland, motion carried, voted and approved.
7. Reviewed the Emergency Management Director's Memo
8. Reviewed the Public Safety Officer's Memo
9. Selectboard Administrative Assistant's Memo-
 - a. Reviewed the Administrative Assistant's Memo.

- b. Reviewed and approved by consensus the letter to a residence on Cemetery Hill Rd.
- c. The selectboard tabled the discussion of sewer ordinances until the January 31st meeting.

10. WWTF

- a. Mr. Beecher is working on getting GME to finalize the Operations and Management Manual for the WWTF.

Item 7: Old Business

The board discussed the architect's drawings for the library.

Item 8: New Business

No new business.

Ms. Ludlam made a motion to adjourn at 9:12 pm, Mr. Jones seconded, motion carried, voted and approved.

Respectfully submitted by Timothy Hughes-Muse, Select Board Administrative Assistant.